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SUBJECT: EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE PROGRAM

1. SHIMO (MITI AUTOMOBILE SECTION) ASKED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TO DOT IN RESPONSE (A) LETTER OF AUGUST 15 FROM ROBERT CARTER, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, MOTOR VEHICLE PROGRAMS, NHTSA; AND (B) LETTER OF SEPT 19 FROM VINCENT ESPOSITO, ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ESV PROGRAMS, NHTSA.

2. RE LETTER FROM CARTER, SHIMO SAID MITI WELCOMES IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON FITTING OF NGU OR REPLACEMENT TIRES ON PASSENGER CARS. JAPANESE AUTO MANUFACTURERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AND MITI WILL ALSO SEEK PARTICIPATION OF TIRE MANUFACTURERS. HE THINKS JAPAN COULD MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION ON QUOTE NO-PUNCTURE UNQUOTE TIRES, FIELD IN WHICH JAPANESE INDUSTRY PROBABLY MORE ADVANCED THAN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. IN RESPONSE LETTER FROM ESPOSITO, SHIMO SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR NHTSA OFFICIALS TO VISIT JAPAN TO DISCUSS ESV CRASH TESTS WITH TOYOTA AND NISSAN, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS COULD BE ARRANGED. RE TIME OF MEETING, SHIMO THOUGHT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER WOULD BE BETTER THAN LATE OCTOBER.

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CONCERNING NHTSA TEST PLAN, SHIMO SAID JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS HAVE

RESERVATIONS CONCERNING FRONT TO FRONT CRASH AT CLOSURE SPEED OF
75 MPH SINCE SUCH TESTS NOT ENVISIONED IN ORIGINAL ESV
SPECIFICATIONS.

4. SHIMO WILL BE IN U.K. AND U.S. FROM OCTOBER 23 UNTIL DECEMBER
3. IN HIS ABSENCE, MR. UEHARA WILL HANDLE ESV MATTERS IN
MITI AUTO SECTION.
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